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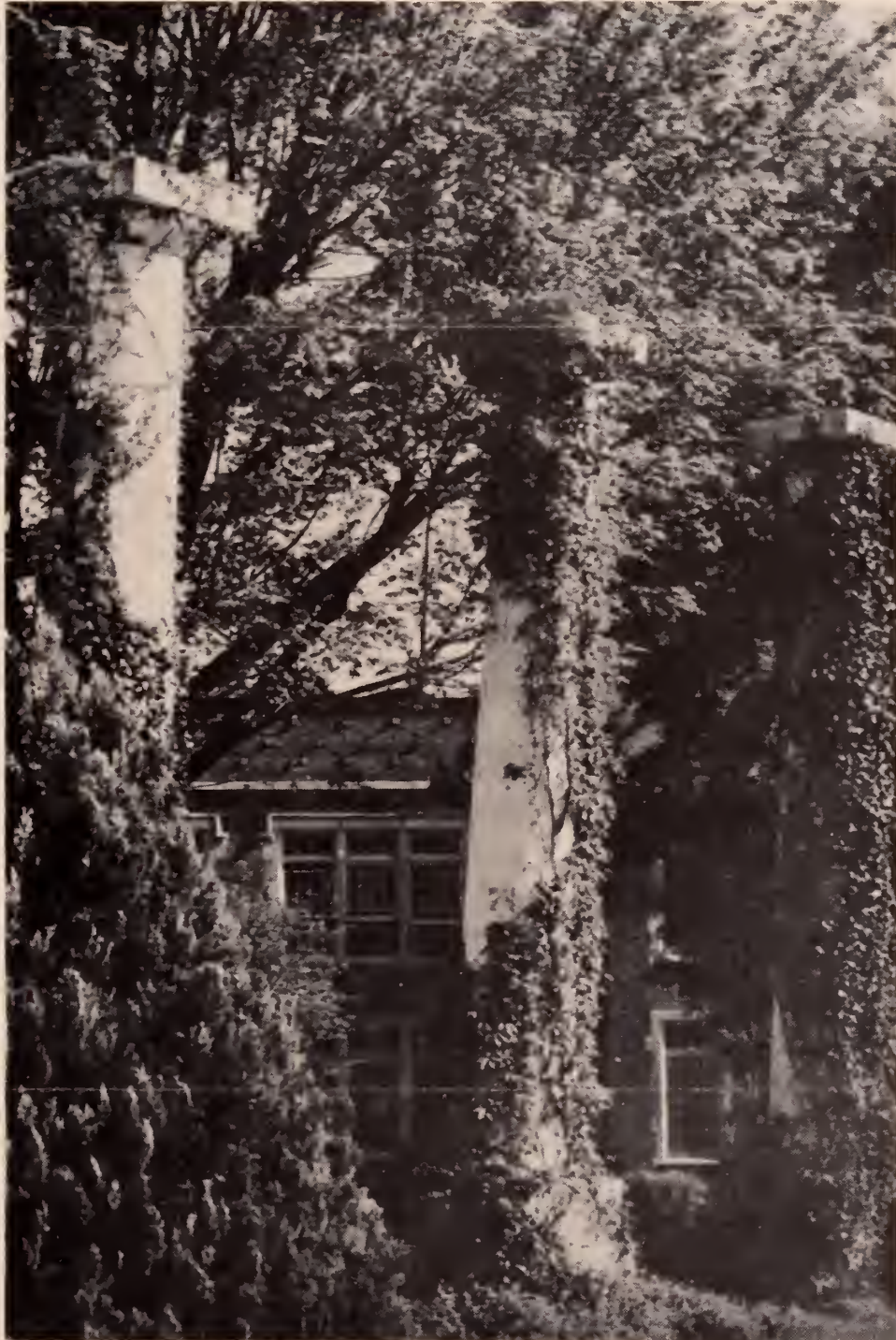
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HOMEcoming is and should be a stirring time! No word in the range of terms that relate to all college activities is more richly descriptive. It has the tang of people and place and motion. May all of these apply to you.

Homecoming is a day for family—our College family. November 10, 1956, is dedicated to you graduates and all others who treasure the days spent here and who wish to return to the symbolic hearth that is the old Hill.

We wish you to come early and stay as long as you can in order that you may "take a look" around. We will not suggest that we give you a formal guided tour to your old stomping grounds, for we wish you to have the fullest pleasure in discoveries on your own. We will be ready at all times to help you in visiting the projects that are in some stage of completion—principally the new men's dormitory, library

addition, parking areas, and the extension of Sibley Drive that takes you through one of the loveliest parts of our favored acres. Once you are on the campus, perhaps we can be like the mother who shows her daughter the new nook that has been added to the old house together with the fresh curtains that enliven the old living room.

In other parts of this issue of the Columns, and elsewhere, you will learn of the features of the day. My purpose here is to do my utmost to cause you to feel the warmth of WELCOME HOME! Once more, underscore and put a circle around Saturday, November 10. We want to make 1956 one of the most memorable homecomings in the long and inspiring history of, for us, THE college.

John S. Kyser
President



TURPIN RESIGNS AS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH; BROWN, LEDET FINISH SEASON AS CO-COACHES

Under direct orders from his physician, Coach Harry Turpin handed President Kyser his resignation as Head Coach of Football at Northwestern State College on Monday, October 22, to become effective immediately.

He will continue his duties as Director of Athletics and the coaching duties, for the remainder of this season, will be under the leadership of assistant coaches Alvin Brown and Walter Ledet, acting as co-coaches.

Turpin has been a member of the coaching staff at the College since 1926. He joined the staff as assistant to Coach H. Lee Prather and served in that capacity until 1934, at which time he was named Head Football Coach. He received his football experience at Northwestern (then Louisiana State Normal College) and at Tulane.

The resignation of Coach Turpin terminated one of the longest periods of continuous coaching in college football at the same institution in the entire State. He is now in his thirty-first year and

can claim 30.6 years of uninterrupted college football coaching.

During his tenure as head coach at N.S.C., his teams have played 195 games with a record of 95 wins, 89 losses, and 11 ties for a .515 percentage. His most outstanding achievement was made in 1939, when the Demons won 11 games against no losses, and claimed the S.I.A.A. championship. This was the first and only undefeated and untied season for a Demon football team.

In 1953, Turpin was named as Gulf States Conference "Coach of The Year," the last year the Demons defeated Tech at the State Fair, and the team suffered only two losses during the season. This honor was a well-deserved one as he had his worst seasons the two preceding years (1951 and 1952) when the record of games won, lost, and tied read 1-8-0 and 1-7-1, respectively.

A great number of Turpin-coached men have gone into the field of coaching. There are, perhaps, more coaches in the schools of the State who received their

training under Turpin than there are who received their training under any other head coach in the area. Many of these have coached state champions in the various classifications.

Four of Turpin's men have received distinct honors. Two, Walter Ledet and Parker Wiggins, were named Little All-America, while Dudley Downing and Bob Tatum were named All-N.I.A.A.

Turpin loved football and has earned the gratitude and respect of the men he has coached. He said: "I haven't missed a game in over thirty years. They have all been great games as far as I'm concerned, and it's been a wonderful job here. I certainly appreciate the cooperation everyone has shown me through the years."

Coach Ledet said of Turpin: "I've been with him for 21 years, as a player and as an assistant coach. He got hold of me when I was sixteen years old, in 1935, and in 1939 I started coaching under him.

"Coach Turpin has made it possible for a lot of good boys to get an education that otherwise could not have had it. Most people don't realize just how much he has meant to so many boys that are good men out in society."

Coach Brown commented: "He is as fine a gentleman as I have ever known. If I had had a son, I don't know of any other man I would rather he had played under than Coach Turpin. He has that kind of principles."

In addition to his love of football, Coach Turpin has demonstrated his keen interest in organizations which aim at the upbuilding and development of the City of Natchitoches. He is a Rotarian, past-president of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Board of Directors of Natchitoches Industries, Inc., and an active member of Natchitoches Shrine Club.

Demon-Tech Tilt Ends In Scoreless Tie

Playing on a wet, slippery field in the annual Louisiana State Fair game in Shreveport, the Demons of N.S.C. and the Bulldogs of L.P.I. battled for sixty minutes with neither side being able to cross the opposition's goal stripe, the game ending in a scoreless tie.

The Demons, eager to get revenge for the 21-20 loss of last year, had high hopes of being able to accomplish their desire on a dry field. The rains came and gave the heavier Tech team a definite advantage, but the Demons staved off every drive the Techsters could muster, at the same time failing to capitalize on the opportunity afforded them to score when they had penetrated to the Tech 5-yard line with first down coming up.

Each team tried a field goal, and each was wide of the mark. The Bulldogs' nearest approach to the Demon goal line was the 6-yard line.

Steady, hard driving on the ground was the feature of play by both teams. Tech's longest gain was a 45-yard pass play, Bond to Anderson. The Demons countered with a 59-yard punt return by Hoffpauir, which carried from the Demon 16 to the Tech 25. Hennigan broke away for a 23-yard pick-up, the longest play from scrimmage for the game. Bankston took a pass from Hoffpauir for 17 yards to the Tech 5, but the threat faded as Glover intercepted a second-down pass.

The game was remarkably free of penalties, there being only two offsides called, both of which were against the Demons. The statistics of the game were in favor of Tech, the most damaging of which was the loss of three fumbles to the Demons.

HOMECOMING EVENTS

Registration and Coffee	3:30-11:00.....	Varnado Hall
Parade	10:30.....	
Alumni Meeting and Business Session	11:15 ..	High School Auditorium
Alumni Luncheon	12:00.....	High School Cafeteria
Pre-Game Ceremonies	2:00.....	Demon Stadium
Football Game N.S.C. vs S.L.I. . .	2:30.....	Demon Stadium
Open House for Sororities. Fraternities and Clubs	4:30-5:30.....	
Homecoming Ball	8:00-12:00.....	Student Center

HOMECOMING SCENES OF FORMER YEARS



Cupid's Doings

MISS BETTY JOE THORNHILL, A.B. '56, of Crowville, and JERRY WAYNE ILES, B.S. '54, of DeRidder, were married on August 12 at Crowville Baptist Church. The young couple will reside at 1512 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans. The bride will teach in the New Orleans schools, and the groom is a student at L.S.U. School of Medicine.

MISS OLA ANN GREER, student from Logansport, and MICHAEL EDWARD TORRANS, B.S. '56, of Shreveport, were married July 22 at First Baptist Church of Logansport. The groom is with the U.S. Army at Fort Carson, Colorado, and is expecting to be transferred to Germany late this summer. The bride plans to return to N.S.C.

MISS DIANE SUE DAVIS, student, and Bobby Lee Mullins, both of Shreveport, were married on August 31 at Broadacres Baptist Church with Rev. M. B. Dunham officiating at the ceremony. They will make their home in Shreveport.

MISS VIRGINIA ANN MILLER, student, of Natchitoches, and JACK ROGERS, B.S. '56, of Springhill, were married at First Methodist Church of Natchitoches on August 17. Rev. George Pearce, Jr., officiating. The young couple will make their home in DeRidder, where the groom is employed as a member of the high school faculty and assistant coach.

MISS PATSY MURPHY, student, and William A. Windham, both of Tallulah, were united in marriage on August 5 at the First Methodist Church of Tallulah. Rev. W. F. Mayo officiating. The young couple will reside in Monroe.

Miss Lou Nita Storey and JIMMIE CARLTON FIELDS, senior, both of Gibsland, were married at Gibsland Methodist Church on August 17. The young couple will reside in Natchitoches while the groom continues his work in college.

MISS JO ANN TARVER, A.B. '56, of Many, and LT. WAYNE C. DEW, B.S. '56, of Natchitoches, were united in marriage at Many on June 3. The young newlyweds are living at 1525 N. Brown Street, El Paso, Texas. Lt. Dew is stationed at Fort Bliss and Mrs. Dew is teaching in El Paso schools.

Miss Mary Lewis Walker, of Brown Summit, North Carolina, and THOMAS GLENN SPARKS, B.S.

'17, formerly of Robeline, were married on June 17 at Monticello Congregational Christian Church. Mr. Sparks is industrial supervisor for Pure Oil Company in Nederland, Texas, where the young couple will make their home.

Miss Virginia Earle Laing, of Monroe, and LOTHAIR ARTHUR NEWMAN, JR., B.S. '52, of Natchitoches, were married in the First Methodist Church of Monroe on June 2, Dr. G. W. Pomeroy officiating. The newlyweds will live at 801 Hudson Lane, Monroe.

MISS BETTYE LEA BEASLEY, B.A. '56, of Haynesville, and JAMES L. BRUNING, student, of Clarence, were married on August 19 at First Baptist Church of Haynesville. They will be at home at 706 Cypress Street, Natchitoches. The groom will continue his work in college.

MISS DOROTHY RAYE WRIGHT, A.B. '56, of Many, and Banks B. Williams, of Houston, Texas, were married at First Baptist Church in Many on June 8.

MISS CAROLYN AVERY, A.B. '56, of Jonesboro, and MERLE KEITH RHODES, senior, of Chatham, were married on May 30 at Zion's Rest Primitive Baptist Church near Jonesboro. Elder Reuben R. Monk officiating. They will reside in Natchitoches while the groom continues his studies in college.

MISS BETTY SUE BOYDSTUN, B.S. '54, of Natchitoches, and Stewart Gordon Carpenter, of Lexington, Kentucky, were united in marriage at First Methodist Church of Natchitoches on August 25. Rev. George Pearce, Jr., officiating.

The bride recently earned her M.R.E. Degree at Boston University. The newlyweds will live in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where the groom is continuing his work toward his Ph.D. in Physics at Harvard University.

MISS PATRICIA JEAN LESTER and JAMES STEVEN JORDAN, both students of Shreveport, were married at Queensborough Baptist Church on August 25. They are returning to N.S.C. to continue their college work.

MISS SARAH ELIZABETH CHILDRESS, A.B. '56, of Mansfield, and JAMES ROBERT VERCHER, ex-'55, of Campti, were married on June 1 at Campti Baptist Church with Rev. Dudley Downing officiating.

MISS MARTHA ANN DENNIS, former student of Hodge, and Dr. John Clifford McDonald, of Baldwin, Miss., were married at Hodge

Howard Payne Topped 18-6

Featuring "Mom - and - Dad Night", an annual event during recent years, the Demons tangled with the Howard Payne Yellow Jackets from Brownwood, Texas, and racked up their third non-conference win of the season.

Howard Payne received the kickoff and, being held for downs, were forced to punt. On the first play from scrimmage, McNew faded back and threw a pass to Billy Booth for 45 yards and a touchdown. Tolar's try for extra point was wide.

Both teams battled up and down the field with neither making a sustained drive until late in the second quarter, when the Demons moved all the way to the Yellow Jacket's 12-yard line. The Demons fumbled and the Yellow Jackets

Methodist Church on September 9. They will be stationed at Gunter Field, Montgomery, Alabama, while Dr. McDonald is in the Air Force.

MISS VIRGINIA LEE HOUSTON, B.S. '55, of Sarepta, and Ernest J. Pace, of Magnolia, Arkansas, were married at New Sarepta Baptist Church on September 2. Rev. Appling conducting the marriage rites. The young couple will make their home in Haynesville.

MISS MARY YVONNE WELCH, ex-'51, of Natchitoches, and DONALD R. FULLER, B.Mus. '56, of DeRidder, were married in First Methodist Church of Natchitoches on June 2. Rev. B. A. Galloway officiating. The young couple will reside in Alexandria.

Miss Annie M. Lane, Lt. U.S. Army Nurse Corps, and CAPTAIN THURMAN CHARLES PULLEN, JR., B.S. '50, of Marthaville, were married on August 4 at U.S. Army Hospital Chapel, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. The newlyweds will make their home at 1479 Jackson Blvd., Columbia, S. Car., until December, when the groom will return to Shreveport to resume the practice of dentistry.

MISS PATRICIA LEE PAYNE, senior, of Natchitoches, and Michael Paxson Mety, of Warren, Arkansas, were married at the Church of The Immaculate Conception in Natchitoches. Rev. Henry F. Beckers officiating. They will reside at 126 Second Street, Natchitoches. The groom is employed by International Paper Co. at Many, and the bride will continue her college work.

recovered on the 8. They fumbled on the second play and the Demons recovered on the Yellow Jackets' 13. Howard Payne's line stiffened and the Demons lost the ball on downs.

In the third quarter, the Demons drove to the Yellow Jacket 2-yard line as the quarter ended. They were held on the 1-foot line and the Yellow Jackets punted.

In the fourth quarter, McNew on a keeper play, scored for the Demons on a 32-yard jaunt. Later in the game, Wampold recovered a fumble in the end zone for the third touchdown.

The Yellow Jackets scored in the third quarter when a 15-yard penalty set the Demons back on their own 8-yard line. The Yellow Jackets drove over from the one-yard line.

Hennigan, McNew, and Tolar furnished the greatest yardage on offense for the Demons. Hoffpauir quarterbacked two drives that ended on the 20 and 10-yard lines, respectively. The Demons gained 332 yards (net) to 168 for the Yellow Jackets.

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